

AG kicks off 'Operation Spirit of '76'

Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General, kicked off a two-month recruiting campaign in Frankfort Jan. 3 at a meeting of all commanders and senior staff officers.

The campaign, which will run through Feb. 29, has been dubbed "Operation Spirit of '76" and seeks 1,000 new enlistments.

General Frymire told the group that National Guard Bureau officials had challenged Kentucky to reach its strength and that he is confident that the goal can be met.

"Strength is of great concern," he said, "and we must reverse our trend of losses."

The general noted that several surrounding states with comparable populations

have significantly more Guardsmen. South Carolina, he stated, has fewer citizens than Kentucky but nearly twice as many Guardsmen.

"We've been expanding the base of the Kentucky National Guard," General Frymire said. "and this should make our job easier. We can reach many more people now and offer units closer to their homes."

Lt. Col. Armando Alfaro, state recruiting and retention manager, explained the program, noting that it will also include increased emphasis on retention. He stated that advertising will be greatly increased during the period and that heavy unit publicity should be sought.

"This would be an excellent time for your special annual projects and open

houses," he said. "This is a time when we need to get people into the armories and learning about what we have to offer."

Colonel Alfaro said that each Guardsman will be expected to contribute to the drive in some way, at the commander's discretion. He advocated keeping armories open longer hours through the week to accommodate people who cannot come for an interview during normal working hours and he suggested other means of assisting prospective enlistees.

During the session, commanders met in small groups to formulate local plans and bring up possible problems. At the end of that period, General Frymire adjourned the gathering with his hopes for a successful campaign.



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Kentucky Guard plays big role at governor's inauguration

By Tom Little

When Julian M. Carroll took the oath of office as Kentucky's 50th governor Dec. 9, the Kentucky National Guard was in attendance, playing a major role in the day's activities.

The day began early for many Army Guardsmen as they set up communications posts around the city to coordinate traffic flow and assist in lining up the more than 180 units participating in the inaugural parade. Officials commended the Guard for their efforts and noted that the traffic flow was surprisingly smooth, even though Frankfort was open for general traffic for the event for the first time in many years.

The first inaugural parade, for Isaac Shelby in 1792, included the Guard and this year's event continued the unbroken tradition. The line of march included a color guard dressed in colonial militia uniform; Kentucky's replica of the Liberty Bell, mounted on an Army Guard truck; the 202d Army Band; 50 members of the 1st Battalion, 123d Armor of Paducah, the governor's home; 50 Air National Guardsmen; 55 Army Guardsmen, representing each company and battery in the state, carrying their battalions' colors and guidons; and six jeeps from the 123d.

The Army Guard contingent was led by Lt. Col. Robert M. Fiorella, commander of the 1st Battalion, and the Air Guard unit was headed by Col. Fred Cross, deputy

commander of logistics.

The band, directed by CW2 John Hoover, earned applause from the Frankfort crowd with selections that included the "National Emblem March" and the day's favorite, "My Old Kentucky Home."

As soon as Gov. Carroll completed the traditional oath, in which he swore not to duel or serve as a second in a duel, the normally-quiet city was rocked by the sound of a 19-gun salute from the Army

Guard's "Dawson Battery." CW4 William C. Helm, signal shop supervisor, explained that the sound was produced by a series cannon-like devices mounted on a metal frame and containing charges much like fireworks.

Following the ceremony, Gov. Carroll immediately moved to his office where he administered the oath of office to Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, whom he had appointed as Adjutant General. State law

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THE OATH—State Supreme Court Justice Scott Reed, left, administers the oath of office to Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General, as Gov. Julian Carroll looks on. Mrs. Carroll, second from left, and Mrs. Frymire, partially obscured, also watch the ceremony. (Photo by Steve Mitchell, Ky. Dept. of Public Information)



ANNUAL DINNER—Members of HHB, 1st Bn., 623d FA are recognized during the unit's annual Christmas dinner in Glasgow. Many individuals were recognized at the event, including SFC Robert Biggers, Battery Guardsman of the Year; and SSgt. Charles J. Moran III, Battery Soldier of the Year.

Army Guard seeks nominees for Reckord

The nomination selection process for the Milton A. Reckord Trophy, a highly-prized award given by the National Guard Association of the U.S., is now underway, according to Col. Thomas J. Murphy, director of the Kentucky Army Guard's Operations, Plans, and Training section.

The trophy is presented each year to the outstanding battalion/squadron in each Army Readiness Region and each state is permitted to forward one unit for consideration.

Each Army Guard battalion with four or more organic companies, batteries, or troops is eligible. A battalion is also eligible if it has a headquarters and headquarters battery, headquarters and headquarters company, or headquarters and headquarters detachment and three or more lettered or numbered companies, batteries, or troops attached.

Items to be considered by the nominating officials include the maintenance program, success in recruiting and retention, results of the Annual General Inspection, the training program, and readiness reports.

The nominee must be determined and forwarded to the National Guard Bureau by May 1, Colonel Murphy explained, so there is still some time to work toward the goal.

The winning unit in the region will get to keep the rotating trophy for a year and will receive a replica for permanent display.

NEWS...in brief

Name Change

Shewmaker ANG Base, the home of the Kentucky Air National Guard, has a new name, Standiford Field (ANG). Air Guard officials explained that the change was requested by the Federal Aviation Administration to eliminate control tower confusion and improve safety at the Louisville facility.

General Conference

The annual general conference of the National Guard Association is approaching. Association officials have announced that the ladies' luncheon is set for 11:30 March 6 and will be followed by a trip to Louisville's unusual shopping area, Bakery Square.

Paducah Proclamation

In one of his first acts of office, Paducah Mayor William S. Murphy proclaimed January as "National Guard Month" in the city. He expressed his support of "Operation Spirit of '76" and noted the importance of a strong National Guard. Capt. James Alfrod and Command Sergeant Major James Garritt

son made special presentations to the mayor.

Kendall Wins Again

Maj. Presley Kendall, of state headquarters, recently won the Los Angeles Rifle and Revolver Club's Pacific States Fall Round-Up for the third consecutive time. Kendall finished well in other categories, in addition to the smallbore prone event.



INSTRUCTION—Maj. John Melcher, of the Senior Army Advisor's office, right, provides instruction on the 105 mm howitzer in Lexington. The students include E-6 Earl Buckler, E-9 John McFadden, E-7 John Townes, E-6 Bill Bradrun, and SP5 Cecil Harris. (Photo by SP5 Joseph Haydon)

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requires the governor to make that his initial official act. Other constitutional officials do not take office until January.

Three other top Guard officials were also reappointed for the new term of office. Brig. Gen. Wilbur R. Buntin, Jr., who has served as Deputy Adjutant General since March 1972, retains that position. He is also commander of the XXIII Corps Artillery.

Brig. Gen. William E. Hall was reappointed to serve as Assistant Adjutant General for Army and Brig. Gen. Lawrence A. Quebbemann will continue in his position as Assistant Adjutant General for Air.

Guard activities for the day concluded with the Adjutant General's reception, sponsored by the National Guard Association of Kentucky. Several hundred Guardsmen and other guests attended the event at the Frankfort armory and were entertained by "The Wilderness Road New Breed," a combo from the 202d Army Band.

Maj. Gen. Willard W. Scott, commander of the Army's Readiness Region VI, said of the activities, "The occasion was permeated with the patriotic heritage which has always rendered the Commonwealth's National Guard as one of America's strongest military assets during times of need."

Technician need to grow says NGAUS official

The Guard will need more technicians in the future, according to Maj. Gen. Francis S. Greenleaf, executive assistant of the National Guard Association of the U.S.

"The receipt of more sophisticated equipment has added to manpower requirements in the technician force," he said. He also noted that there is a projected requirement for some 58,456 technicians nationally by June 30, 1976. That requirement is, however, 5,356 in excess of the legal ceiling currently in effect.

By June 30, 1977, the projected technician need is 60,000. Consequently, the association is recommending that Congress change Public Law 92-119 to authorize 60,000 technicians. That number would include 34,000 in the Army Guard and 26,000 in the Air Guard.

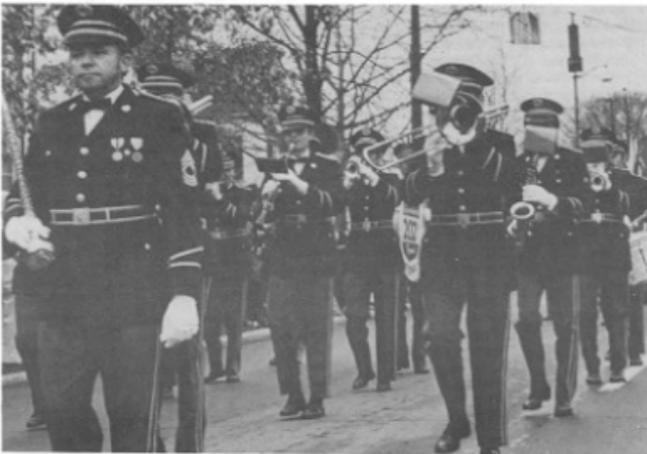
Congress passes resolution

Congress has passed a resolution that says, in part, "The pay of Officers and privates be as follows vis, a captain at 20 dollars per month; a lieutenant at 13½ dollars; a sergeant at 8 dollars; a corporal at 7½ dollars, a drummer or (trumpet) at 7½ dollars; privates at 6 2/3 dollars; to find their own arms and clothes."

No, the budget cuts haven't done us in to that degree. The resolution was passed by Congress, but it was the Continental Congress and the year was 1775.



SALUTE—CW4 William C. Heim renders a salute during the playing of the national anthem. Mr. Heim was instrumental in the Guard's communications activities during the inauguration. (Photo by Tom Little)



ON PARADE—MSgt. Ron Baker leads the 202d Army Band in the inaugural parade. The parade also included the Liberty Bell and Army and Air Guard marching units.

Armor battalion takes part in 'Orbiting Eagle'

More than 400 members of the 1st Battalion, 123d Armor converged on Fort Campbell recently to participate in Exercise Orbiting Eagle V. Units from Paducah, Marion, Hopkinsville, Hickman and Madisonville took part.

Orbiting Eagle is an exercise in which the three brigades of the 101st Airborne are divided into an opposing force, a friendly force and an umpiring force. Because the brigades of the 101st had never had a chance to work against tanks, the 1st Battalion was brought in for the weekend as part of the opposing force. The total exercise lasted two weeks and involved about 12,000 men from the 101st and Army Guard units from several states.

The operation got under way Saturday morning as members of the participating units moved to the field. Capt. James Alford commanded the Administration and Logistics Center and Lt. Col. Robert Fiorino, commander of the 1st Battalion, commanded the Tactical Operations Center as the units took their assigned positions. Various tank companies were assigned to areas around the two.

The tank companies started their aggressive action late Saturday afternoon and pursued the friendly force into the night. According to Captain Alford at least one of the companies reached its destination at about 11 p.m. Saturday. The exercise ended Sunday morning with another successful attack by units of the 1st Battalion.

Captain Alford quoted sources at Fort Campbell as saying they were very impressed with the job done by the Guardsmen. He said the Guard would be asked to participate again in similar exercises.

The 1st Battalion is attached to the 149th Armor Brigade of Bowling Green, commanded by Col. Robert Cundiff and is in an affiliated status with General George S. Patton's famous "Hell-On-Wheels" 2nd Armored Division, located at Fort Hood, Texas.



SETTING UP—SP6 Randy Hendon, left, and SP4 Marty Whitis help set up an Administration and Logistics Center at Fort Campbell during Exercise Orbiting Eagle V. (Photo by SP4 Jerry Wright)

Bureau watches weight

Are you overweight? If so, National Guard Bureau says you'd better do something about it.

Bureau is emphasizing the need for improved weight control and physical fitness.

Army Guardsmen earn distinction

Congratulations are in order for three Kentucky Army Guardsmen who have achieved distinction at Army schools. Maj. Douglas Searcy, of the state staff, was named to the Commandant's List at the Command and General Staff College; 2nd Lt. Jerry Bow, of the 1st Battalion, 623d Field Artillery, finished at the top of his Reserve Component OCS Class at Fort Benning, Ga.; and SP5 Roger Hester, of HHC, 2nd Bn. 123d Armor, was the Distinguished Graduate in his NCO Basic Course at the U.S. Army Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Va.

Officials noted that Army and Air Force regulations apply to all Guard members.

A recent information bulletin said that since "extension of enlistment" in the Guard corresponds to "enlistment" on active duty, Guardsmen must meet the criteria. Likewise, officers and warrant officers whose weight exceeds standards required for appointment, who are classified by a physician as obese, and whose usefulness to the service is substantially affected by failure to maintain proper weight "will be carefully evaluated for elimination."

Correction

In the last issue of the GUARDSMAN, 2nd Lt. Roy E. Sturgill, the commander of the Prestonsburg unit, was incorrectly identified. His unit participated in Prestonsburg's "Red, White, and Blue" parade. The GUARDSMAN regrets the error.

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